

April 23, 2015

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SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE REVIEW OF ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE
TOPICAL REPORT BWRVIP-41, REVISION 4, "BWR [BOILING WATER
REACTOR] VESSEL AND INTERNALS PROJECT, BWR JET PUMP
ASSEMBLY INSPECTION AND FLAW EVALUATION GUIDELINES"
(TAC NO. MF4887)

Dear Mr. Hanley:

By letter dated September 24, 2014 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML14279A437), the Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) Vessel and Internals Project (BWRVIP) submitted for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff review Topical Report (TR) BWRVIP-41, Revision 4, "BWR Vessel and Internals Project, BWR Jet Pump Assembly Inspection and Flaw Evaluation Guidelines." The NRC staff has performed an acceptance review of the BWRVIP-41. We have found that the material presented is sufficient to begin our review.

The NRC staff expects to issue its request for additional information by September 30, 2015, and issue its draft safety evaluation (SE) by November 6, 2016. This schedule information takes into consideration the NRC's current review priorities and available technical resources and may be subject to change. If modifications to these dates are deemed necessary, we will provide appropriate updates to this information.

The NRC staff estimates that the review will require approximately 800 hours, including project management and contractor support. This estimate of hours includes the hours already expended on completing this acceptance review. The review schedule milestones and estimated review costs were discussed and agreed upon in an April 7, 2015, email from Mr. Chuck Wirtz representing EPRI.

Section 170.21 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* requires that TRs are subject to fees based on the full cost of the review. You did not request a fee waiver; therefore, NRC staff hours and contractor costs will be billed accordingly.

As with all TRs, the SE will be reviewed by the NRC's Office of the General Counsel (OGC) to determine whether it falls within the scope of the Congressional Review Act (CRA). During the course of this review, OGC considers whether any endorsement or acceptance of a TR by the NRC amounts to a rule as defined in the CRA. If this initial review concludes that the SE, with

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its accompanying TR, may be a rule, the NRC will forward the package to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for further review and consideration. Any review by OMB would impact the schedule for the final issuance of the SE.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Joseph J. Holonich at 301-415-7297 or via e-mail at Joseph.Holonich@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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